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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Quarantinable diseases—Cholera disappearing from the islands.^a

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 8, as follows:

During the week ended April 2, 1904, the quarantinable diseases reported in Manila were as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera.....	0	0
Smallpox.....	1	0
Plague.....	1	0

No report of cholera occurring in the provinces of the Philippines has been received since March 4, 1904. While there may be a few scattered cases of the disease in the island, it is believed that it has almost disappeared.

No vessels cleared for the United States or its dependencies during the week.

Report from Cebu—Quarantinable diseases, March, 1904.

Assistant Surgeon Carroll Fox reports, April 9, through Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser, as follows:

There were reported to the local health authorities during the month of March, 1904, the following cases of quarantinable diseases: Plague, 3, with 3 deaths; smallpox, 1, with 1 death.

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Quarantine transactions, April, 1904—Vital statistics.

Chief Quarantine Officer King reports, May 12, as follows:

Vessels issued bills of health, 30; vessels inspected, 21; vessels held in quarantine, 3; persons detained in quarantine at Miraflores, 8; pieces of baggage disinfected, 580.

The baggage disinfected was the dunnage of the apprentice boys of the U. S. training ship *Monongahela*, on account of an outbreak of diphtheria among the boys of that ship. This disinfection was done at the request of the naval authorities at this port.

The Red "D" Line steamships *Philadelphia* and *Caracas*, which arrived at this port on April 6 and 20, respectively, were held in quarantine during their stay, and permitted to transact business under guard. Both vessels were from ports of Venezuela. The former brought 5 nonimmune passengers for this port, and they were held under observation at Miraflores, as were also 3 nonimmunes from the Spanish steamship *Leon XIII*, which called at this place on April 3,

^a Received out of date. For report for week ended April 9, 1904, see Public Health Reports, May 20, 1904.